

I claim:

1. A method for concealing upper mounts for shutters, comprising the steps of:  
installing an attachment mount having a lower facing channel within a soffit  
5 portion above a window;  
inserting an upper edge of a shutter into the lower facing channel; and  
covering the window with the shutter, wherein substantially the entire attachment  
mount is not visible from an exterior side of the shutter.
- 10 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the inserting the edge step further includes the  
step of:  
inserting a portion an elongated trim into a groove within the attachment mount.
3. The method of claim 2, wherein the elongated trim includes:  
15 a J-shaped decorative trim.
4. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:  
inserting a horizontal leg portion of a J-shaped decorative trim into a horizontal  
sleeve portion of the attachment mount.  
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5. The method of claim 1, wherein the installing step further includes:  
attaching the channel to an exterior wall above the window and into the soffit  
portion.
- 25 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the attaching step further includes:  
fastening the channel to the exterior wall with removable fasteners.

7. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:  
attaching a lower edge of the shutter beneath the window.
8. A concealed retaining channel system, comprising in combination:  
5 a structure having a soffit overhang above an exterior window;  
a channel assembly having a lower facing channel;  
means for installing the channel assembly within the soffit overhang; and  
an upper edge of a shutter being inserted into the lower facing channel of the  
flange so that the shutter covers the exterior window, wherein the channel assembly  
10 remains substantially concealed from an exterior view of the structure.
9. The concealed retaining channel system of claim 8, wherein the channel assembly  
further includes:  
a side groove within the channel for receiving an edge of the soffit overhang;  
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10. The concealed retaining channel system of claim 9, further comprising:  
an elongated trim attached to a front lower portion of the channel assembly and  
having a visible portion beneath the soffit overhang.
- 20 11. The concealed retaining channel system of claim 10, wherein the elongated trim  
includes:  
a J-shaped decorative trim having a leg portion for fitting within a groove within  
the front lower portion of the channel assembly.
- 25 12. The concealed retaining channel system of claim 8, wherein the lower facing  
channel includes:  
a rear wall and a front wall.

13. The concealed retaining channel system of claim 12, further comprising:  
an L-shaped mounting plate for attaching the rear wall of the channel assembly to  
a portion of an exterior wall above the window.

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14. The concealed retaining channel system of claim 13, further comprising:  
removable fasteners for attaching the channel assembly to the portion of the  
exterior wall above the window.

10 15. The concealed retaining channel system of claim 8, further comprising:  
means for attaching the soffit into a lower edge of the channel assembly.

16. The concealed retaining channel system of claim 15, wherein the attachment  
means includes:

15 a J-shaped decorative trim.

17. A concealed retaining channel for shutters, comprising:

a rear elongated vertical leg;

a front elongated vertical leg;

20 an elongated cap attached to top portions of the rear elongated vertical leg and the  
front elongated vertical leg forming a lower facing channel therebetween;

a horizontal planar member attached to and substantially perpendicular to a lower  
portion of the front elongated vertical leg, wherein a shutter having an upper edge fits  
within the lower facing channel.

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18. The concealed retaining channel of claim 17, further comprising:

an elongated trim attached to and hanging beneath the horizontal planar member,  
the trim for receiving an edge of a soffit portion of an overhang.

19. The concealed retaining channel of claim 17, further comprising:

5 an integral bracket attached to the rear vertical leg for attaching the concealed  
retaining channel to a wall above a window.